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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCormick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,723) in view of "Here is a zmail ban-spam button". The Examiner relies upon mere hindsight arguments to combine features of McCormick et al. and "Here is a zmail ban-spam button." Clearly, even if the references were combined, neither show or suggest the "policing server," in the manner claimed. As clearly noted in the specification and also by its plain meaning, the policing server can be from a governmental authority or like authority. No such authority in the manner claimed is shown or suggested by the cited references, alone or in combination. The policing server can actually enforce the prevention of SPAM, unlike any of the conventional techniques, which really do not work effectively. Accordingly, claim 1-10 are patentable and allowable.

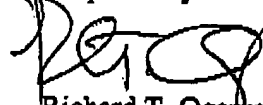
New claims 11 and 12 have been added. No new matter has been introduced thereby.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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